

# Build Interest in a Specific Discipline - Law

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## East Orange Campus High School Law Academy

Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey Law School - Newark

NJ Higher Education Sector: Public Research University

Year Began: 2002                      Participants Served: 80

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### **DESCRIPTION**

This initiative is a collaboration between the faculty of the East Orange Campus High School and the Community Law Clinic (CLC) to develop and implement a Moot Court and/or a Mock Trial competition for students participating in Law Academy classes. Campus High School faculty give Law Academy students an overview of the legal process; CLC faculty and students provide mentoring and training to develop Law Academy students' advocacy skills. The project is intended to serve both Law Academy students and Rutgers Law school students. The latter group are provided a opportunity to practice what they have learned in law school.

CLC students meet once a week with Law Academy students over the course of a semester. Four groups of students - approximately 20 students/group participate in the program. CLC students coach Academy students in the art of issue spotting, persuasive argument and oral advocacy, all in preparation for an end-of-semester competition judged by a distinguished panel of judges organized by the CLC.

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